Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan for Geology and Mineral Resources;

(iv) Memorandum of Cooperation between GAIL (India) Limited and Uzbekneftegaz;

(v) Work Plan for 2007 under the Memorandum of Understanding for Cooperation in the field of Agricultural Research and Education between the Department of Agricultural Research and Education of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Government of the Republic of India and the Ministry of Agriculture and Water Resources of the Government of the Republic of Uzbekistan;

(vi) Memorandum of Understanding between State Trading Corporation of India and O'zbekyengilsanoat State Joint Stock Company of Uzbekistan;

(vii) Memorandum of Understanding between Delhi University and Tashkent State Institute of Oriental Studies.

(b) and (c) India and Uzbekistan established an Inter-Government Commission on Trade, Economic, Scientific and Technological Cooperation (IUIGC) in 1992. The 6th meeting of the IUIGC was held in New Delhi on 7-8th March 2006. This Inter-Governmental Commission has been meeting regularly and monitors the implementation of a wide range of mutually agreed activities and agreements.

Restoration of democracy in Nepal

3533. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the nature of talks held between the King of Nepal and Prime Minister's special envoy who visited the Himalayan Kingdom in April last with special reference to the restoration of democracy in the Kingdom; and

(b) the follow up action taken/proposed to be taken by the two Governments to implement the decisions arrived at during the talks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) During his audience with the King of

Nepal on April 20, 2006, the Special Envoy of Prime Minister Dr. Karan Singh discussed the current situation in Nepal and conveyed India's concern at the developing situation.

(b) No decisions were taken at the meeting.

Traffic patterns for planned Urban Development

3534. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether in a bid to predict traffic patterns for planned urban development, Government are setting up a National Urban Transport Information Centre to serve as traffic, emission, ridership and travel behaviour;

(b) if so, whether data centres would help policy-makers and implementation agencies to determine the feasibility of the project being undertaken;

(c) whether this move has assumed significance in backdrop of the recent budget announcement on having metro system in Hyderabad, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat; and

(d) if so, by when a final decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) to (d) A National Urban Transport Information Centre has been set up to compile, collate and disseminate data that would be relevant for urban transport planning in general. It would help in developing appropriate policies and plans and also in making relevant investment decisions. There is no direct connection with any specific project and it is intended to benefit decision making on proposals for investments in urban transport systems in general.

Bangladesh bus service to Guwahati

3535. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bangladesh is keen to expand its bus service up to Guwahati as well as to strengthen waterways;